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### MINNESOTA'S SEPTEMBER MILK OUTPUT UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

September 2012 milk production totaled 714 million pounds in Minnesota, up 1 percent from the 708 million pounds produced in September 2011, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised August 2012 milk output was 753 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,535 pounds in September 2012, up 15 pounds from last September. The revised August 2012 rate was 1,620 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during September 2012 was 465 thousand head, unchanged from the August 2012 number, but down 1,000 head from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first nine months of 2012 was 6.79 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

### SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 0.5 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.7 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from September 2011. August revised production at 15.3 billion pounds, was down slightly from August 2011. The August revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,732 pounds for September, 10 pounds below September 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 5,000 head more than September 2011, but 25,000 head less than August 2012.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major States for the first nine months of 2012 was 141 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Sep 2011	Aug 2012 Rev.	Sep 2012	Sep 2011	Aug 2012 Rev.	Sep 2012	Sep 2011	Aug 2012 Rev.	Sep 2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,776	1,782	1,779	1,865	1,855	1,790	3,312	3,306	3,184	96.1
ID	582	580	580	1,920	2,070	1,970	1,117	1,201	1,143	102.3
<b>MN</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.8</b>
NY	610	610	610	1,700	1,810	1,740	1,037	1,104	1,061	102.3
PA	537	535	533	1,590	1,625	1,560	854	869	831	97.3
WI	1,264	1,271	1,271	1,680	1,820	1,720	2,124	2,313	2,186	102.9
23 States	8,466	8,496	8,471	1,742	1,805	1,732	14,744	15,339	14,670	99.5

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